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TOPIC Soviet Ordnance Depot in BRESLAU ASSELWITZ

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1. a. The Soviet ordnance depot was located north of the villages KLEIN-MASSELWITZ and GROSS-MASSELWITZ (P 52/C 42), north-west of BRESLAU, and about one mile from a lock on the southern arm of the Oder River. Soviet ordnance repair shops bordered on the eastern section of the ordnance depot.

b. The ordnance depot was presumably connected with the DEUTSCH-LISSA (P 52/C 32) railroad station by a railroad spur track.

c. Soviet Lt Col GUSTIKO (phonetic spelling) was depot commandant until March 1949 but was relieved by a Soviet colonel. The Soviet officers were billeted in MASSELWITZ.

d. It was believed that the Soviet depot personnel was composed of fatigue details and did not form a troop unit. Personnel was exchanged from time to time with 50 to 60 Soviet Air Force troops arriving in February 1949. Most of the troops in the depot wore red-bordered black epaulets.

e. The stocks in the depot were estimated as follows:

40,000 short carbines, automatic rifles and submachine guns

300 mortars of 120 mm caliber and a smaller number of mortars of 160 mm caliber

200 antitank guns of small caliber

800 antitank guns of 76.2 mm caliber

50 antiaircraft guns of 37 mm caliber

30 antiaircraft guns of 85 mm caliber

800 to 1,000 rubber-tired limbers

15 to 20 repair shop trucks with lathes

50 heavy tractors.

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2. [] confirmed and supplemented the above information as follows:

a. The name of the depot commandant relieved in the spring of 1949 was KUSTAIKOV.

b. The following estimated amounts of materiel were stored in the depot:

(1) Infantry weapons: About 30,000 rifles packed in boxes for shipment; unknown quantities of submachine guns and mortars of 80, 120 and 160 mm caliber.

(2) Artillery pieces:

Antitank guns of about 76.2 mm caliber

Antitank guns of 105 mm caliber

Field howitzers of 122 mm caliber

Guns of 152 mm caliber

German field howitzers of 105 mm caliber (serviceable)

Rocket launchers.

(3) Antiaircraft weapons: Antiaircraft guns of 37 and 85 mm caliber; about 15 searchlights with charging units and ballistic directors (British inscriptions)

(4) Vehicles: About 50 canvas-covered light track-laying vehicles, allegedly equipped with engines of the T34 tank; German 12 and 18-ton prime movers.

(5) Miscellaneous equipment:

Spare parts for track-laying vehicles

Various tools of German make

Cans with oil, paint, grease and glycerine

Optical equipment

Arms cleaning material.

c. All weapons were well maintained and in excellent condition. The rifles were packed into boxes, each containing 10 or 20 rifles. Incoming and outgoing shipments of artillery pieces were observed at all times.

d. An antiaircraft artillery battery of four medium guns was emplaced northwest of the depot.

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[] Comment:

The report supplements previous data on the Soviet ordnance depot in BRESLAU-MASSELWITZ. *

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